

## Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Present:**

Parish Cllrs: Jill McMullon (Chair); David Cockett; Emma Blades; Yurek Waluda; David Stephenson  
County Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Kate Kelly, also Responsible Financial Officer.

3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs. Peter Metcalfe ; Sheila Alderson; Ruth Lindsey.

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1	Chairman reminded everyone present of the right to record the meeting although the Council would not be doing so.
2	<b><u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u></b> Cllr. Peter Metcalfe due to another commitment, Cllr. Sheila Alderson due to illness, Cllr. Ruth Lindsey.
3	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received.
4	<b><u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</u></b> The minutes of the meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. It was agreed by all that they were an accurate record of the proceedings. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<b><u>Councillor Vacancy</u></b> No applications have been received as yet.
6	<b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b>
6.1	<b>Gayle Bus Stop</b> The bus stop has been inspected by NYC and the roof is to be repaired, however no timescale has been given. Cllr. Stephenson offered to clean the slates on the roof and the gutters which are blocked. Cllr. Cockett offered to assist.  The Chair thanked them and also thanked Cllr. Stephenson & Neil Banks for fixing the bench near the Market Hall.  It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
6.2	<b>North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services.</b>

	<p>The Home to School Transport scheme was voted in in July although Cllr. Peacock is still fighting this as its giving a lot of parents grave concerns. They have to appeal individually. It was noted that if the allocated school has no room transport will be provided.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>6.3</b>	<p><b>Pavement kerbstones.</b></p> <p>Some repair work had been carried out on the pavement kerbstones outside the Chip shop at Pennygarth but they used tar, which is already crumbling, instead of replacing the stones. Cllr. Peacock has taken this matter up with NYC and it has been agreed that they will be repaired, without the road being closed.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>6.4</b>	<p><b>Dog waste bin at Beulah Bank.</b></p> <p>The Clerk had contacted NYC and asked them to move the dog bin as requested by the landowner. The Council have replied that a new bin will require to be put in place and that the Parish Council will have to pay for this. They also stated that although they currently empty the bin if they move or replace it they will only empty it if it is within 4 metres of the highway.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will contact them to discuss this and Cllr. Peacock will do so as well.</p> <p>It was also reported by a Parishioner that their dog had taken ill after eating toxic waste that a resident put down in the Area. It was resolved that Cllr. McMullon will advise the local Police that this has happened again.</p>
<b>6.5</b>	<p><b>Dog waste on the pavements in Hawes.</b></p> <p>It is felt that the current signage is adequate and this matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>6.6</b>	<p><b>Loose steps near toilets in car park</b></p> <p>Cllr. Peacock will take this up again with NYC.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>6.7</b>	<p><b>Litter bin in Cotterdale</b></p> <p>The new general waste and dog bin is now in place and this matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>Planning applications</u></b></p> <p>To consider planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 73 application for removal of Conditions 9 &amp; 10 of R/56/24X (full planning permission for removal and construction of new all-weather serviced pitches, relocation of existing bin compound and new planting) in respect of the specified number of units and the operating period at Hawes Caravan &amp; Motorhome Club Site, Brown Moor Farm, Hawes, DL8 3PS - R/56/533B</li> </ul> <p>No comments were received.</p>

## 8. Planning Decisions

To receive decisions/information relating to recent planning applications.

- R/56/13LI - Full planning permission for conversion, change of use and extension of former bank to form non-residential (Class E) accommodation at ground floor with residential apartments on existing first and second floors at Barclays Bank, Market Place, Hawes.

This item has now been marked as approved subject to Section 106 (Local occupancy). It was noted that there was nothing in the conditions regarding the ATM and it was resolved that the Clerk should contact the planners and ask for confirmation that it will be retained.

It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.

- R/56/139E - Full planning permission for conversion of redundant agricultural building to local occupancy house/holiday let, together with installation of package sewage treatment plant at West Shaw Farm, Beggarmans Road, Gayle, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3SF.

This matter is noted as under consideration by the planners.

It was resolved that it be carried forward to the next meeting.

- Full planning permission for change of use of bar to 1no. dwelling and Manager's residence/office space to licensed tea room, plus retention of three letting rooms (retrospective) at The Moorcock Inn, Garsdale, LA10 5PU - R/56/154F

This application has been declined. The decision is being appealed.

It was resolved that this matter should be carried forward to the next meeting.

- Full planning permission for demolition of existing garage workshop and replace with a one-bedroom local occupancy dwelling/holiday cottage at Garage/Workshop adjacent to Fell View, Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3RD - R/56/540D

This application has been approved.

This matter is now resolved.

- Full planning permission for conversion of barn to form a 3-bedroom local occupancy dwelling with associated access, curtilage and septic tank at Barn at Ivan Farm, Sedbusk, Hawes (GR: 387880, 491311) - R/48/172

This matter is noted on the planning portal as awaiting legal agreement.

This matter is now resolved.

- Full planning permission for change of use of Bed & Breakfast accommodation to 1no. short term self-catering holiday let with occasional Bed & Breakfast use as required, and to replace the existing doors and windows at Garsdale House, Garsdale Head, Sedbergh, LA10 5PU - R/56/154G- Approved conditional.

This matter is now resolved.

## 8.1 **National Parks Local Plan**

An update of the Plan has been received and maps pertaining to our Area were passed around and discussed by the Councillors. The Clerk will circulate the full update to all Councillors.

It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.

8.2	<p><b><u>NYC Draft Housing Strategy 2024-2029</u></b></p> <p>This is covered for our Area in the National Parks Local plan.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Highways matters</u></b></p> <p>To receive updates to the following issues raised at previous meetings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update regarding the poor state of the A684 from Appersett to Garsdale, and the road to Hardraw:-  Cllr. Peacock advised that the repairs will be carried out this year.  It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</li> <li>• Update re the area of the road cordoned off awaiting repair between Snaizeholme Road End &amp; Lanaker Lane.  Cllr. Peacock advised that this will be done but no date has been given.  It was resolved to carry this forward to the next meeting.</li> <li>• The Hill opposite the White Hart is in disrepair and illegal white lines have been painted. Cllr. Peacock had gone to this area on her recent walk round with a member of the Highways team and it was agreed that the tarmac will be patched and that the white lines should not be there.</li> <li>• The road at The Holme which is in poor condition.  This area was visited on the walk round and Cllr. Peacock is awaiting an engineers report.  It was resolved to carry these matters forward to the next meeting.</li> <li>• Pool of water on Burtersett road at cemetery.  The roads department vehicle had been out and cleared the drains. This matter is now resolved.</li> <li>• Wall in top carpark  The wall in the top carpark on the righthand side near the steps is starting to collapse. This was not noted on the recent walkaround. Cllr Blades will check if this has been sorted.  It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.  The bottom of Chapel Street has some raised points and holes and cars are catching on it.  Cllr. Peacock will add this to her list for NYC.  It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p>

10.1	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary August 24- £192.50</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly – Clerks Salary July 24 -£192.70</li> <li>• E-ON Next – Electricity July - £24.35pd</li> <li>• E-ON Next – Electricity August. - £22.19pd</li> <li>• Mr J Banks – Grasscutting – July £616.1</li> <li>• Mr J Banks – Grasscutting – August -£594.91</li> <li>• Mr J Ogbourne- Annual Fee, hosting website- £275.00</li> <li>• Wm Smith Group - Welcome to Hawes signs - £282.12pd.</li> <li>• P M Iveson Ltd- Cemetery- Hedge &amp; Grass cutting - £228.00</li> </ul> <p>Added to Agenda – as Minuted in July Item 19. Upper Dales Bonfire &amp; Fireworks Committee - Donation- £250.00</p>
10.2	<p>To acknowledge receipt of the following income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VAT Refund - £411.85</li> </ul>
10.3	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 were presented and initialled by the Chair. Current balance in Unity Trust Current Account is £30464.32</p>
10.4	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank</b></p> <p>Cllr. Blades has signed on for Internet Banking. Unfortunately Cllr. Metcalfe hasn't been able to yet.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
10.5	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank – Savings Rates</b></p> <p>The Instant access savings account has now been opened. It was resolved to transfer £10000.00 to the savings account from the current account. This will be done as our first transaction on Internet banking. This matter is now resolved,</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> To consider the following correspondence received and decide action where necessary:-</p>
11.1	<p><b>Email re Hawes in Bloom</b></p> <p>A request for additional funding of £350 to replace some plants and for spring bulbs was discussed. The Parish Council appreciate all the work that Hawes in Bloom do for the town. It was felt however that due to pressures on our funds at this time that we provide a donation of £175.00. This matter is now resolved.</p>
11.2	<p><b>Email re Access and Parking on The Hill, Hawes</b></p> <p>The Clerk received an email from one of the property owners regarding issues with parking on the Hill. A resident has put in a bollard which is preventing other people having access and parking. The owner had also spoken to the Chair who advised her that disputes between neighbours were a private matter and did not come under Parish Council jurisdiction. However as NYC part maintain</p>

	<p>this area and ownership is undermined Cllr. Peacock will ask NYC to look into the position re the bollard.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>11.3</b>	<p><b>Email received re Sedbusk Notice Board</b></p> <p>An email had been received regarding the poor state of the notice board. Quotes were obtained for repairs and also for a replacement. It was resolved that the notice board would be replaced with an aluminium one.</p> <p>The notice board at the Bay Tree in Hawes is also in a poor state and it was resolved to replace this one as well.</p>
<b>11.4</b>	<p><b>Lunds Wood (117473896) Woodland Management Plan - Stakeholder Engagement</b></p> <p>An email received about the above was circulated to the Councillors. There were no comments and it was resolved that the Clerk will acknowledge receipt.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>11.5</b>	<p><b>North Yorkshire Citizens Advice</b></p> <p>An email was received from the above advising of help given to Hawes residents and asking for a donation.</p> <p>The Council acknowledged and thanked them for the good work which is undertaken and it was resolved that a donation of £100 be sent.</p>
<b>11.6</b>	<p><b>Flood Resilience Campaign</b></p> <p>An email was received asking if we permit a poster to go up on one of our notice boards and also a banner at Town Foot.</p> <p>It was felt that this was a good idea and it was resolved that the Clerk will advise them of our agreement.</p>
<b>11.7</b>	<p><b>Tree on common land affecting outbuildings in Gayle</b></p> <p>An email received regarding the above was discussed. This is not on land owned by the Parish but on a footpath and as such it is the National Park who will require to be contacted.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will reply to this effect and this matter is now resolved.</p>
<b>11.8</b>	<p><b>VE Day 2025 Celebrations</b></p> <p>An email was received regarding lighting a beacon in May next year to commemorate VE Day. It was resolved that we would take part and this matter will be carried forward to the January 25 Agenda.</p>
<b>11.9</b>	<p><b><u>George's Garden</u></b></p> <p>An email was received regarding the wooden edging in George's garden. After discussion it was resolved that this matter be carried forward until the Spring and revisited then.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b><u>Children's Play Areas</u></b></p> <p>Mark Murphy read out his comprehensive report regarding the towns playparks and the following actions were agreed.</p>

### **Gayle Park.**

1. The green bins are not used and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact NYC to remove them.
2. One side of the shelter roof is deteriorating and may need replaced in due course. Mark & Ian will see what is required to fix it.
3. The centre support on the slide is loose. Cllr. Stephenson will take a look at this.

### **Bealah Bank Play Area**

The new soccer nets are now in place.

### **Town Foot Playpark**

1. The local fire brigade have agreed to clean the play equipment in the Spring.
2. The play surface mats were worn in places and these have now been replaced. The Clerk will see if NYC will remove the old mats.
3. A connector has been replaced on the rope climb.
4. The signs around the park regarding dogs and putting toys away are faded now and a bit tatty. It was agreed that new ones should be ordered. Mark is happy to put them up once received.
5. The toy chair with the spring is damaged. Cllr. Stephenson will take a look at it and see if it can be repaired. The Clerk will find out prices for a replacement. Cllr. Peacock advised that she might be able to help with funding towards replacement play equipment.
6. Remove green bins which are not used.

Cllr. McMullon thanked Mark Murphy for all his work which is much appreciated by the Parish Council.

The boundary stone wall near Beulah Bank in the Gayle Lane playpark needs attention. We need to find out the owners of the wall and speak to them. It was felt that as this is near the creamery it may be council owned or owned by the creamery.

It was resolved that this matter would be carried forward to the next meeting.

We have received the report for the blocked culvert. It has collapsed in a couple of places and requires rebuilding. A quote has been received for around £10,000.

The Lease states in one section that the Parish Council are liable for any repairs contact on top of the ground but not under it. Cllr. McMullon has obtained an email address for the landowner and it was resolved that the Clerk will write to them and ask if they are willing to fund repairs.

Pip Pointon has been liaising with Mark Murphy regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Town Foot Playpark and she is currently writing an article about it.

It was resolved to carry this item forward to the next meeting.

### **13. Cemetery**

Nothing further at this time.

<p><b>14.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. Waluda gave us some highlights from their last meeting.</p> <p>There is now a new phone system in place which will call you back twice if you left a number. General enquiries should be made after 10.30am.</p> <p>Staffing levels are now good.</p> <p>A Mens Health Check clinic held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September and was well attended. Some people were referred for further investigation.</p> <p>There will be a Mental Health practitioner at the surgery on a Monday.</p> <p>A new integrated care campus is being built at Catterick.</p> <p>The surgery will support industrial action if this goes ahead.</p>
<p><b>15.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Litter in Hawes</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. McMullon thanked the Hawes Tidy Group who are doing a great job keeping the town free from litter.</p> <p>The new signs are in place at either end of the town.</p> <p>These matters are now resolved.</p>
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Parish Clerk</u></b></p> <p>The new printer has been ordered.</p> <p>The email address will be changed.</p> <p>The Precept for 24/25 is due to be set before the end of the year. The Clerk will prepare projections for discussion at the next meeting once she has received the September bank statement.</p>
<p><b>17.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Monthly Police Report.</u></b></p> <p>The latest reports were discussed.</p>
<p><b>18.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Potential BT Payphone and Telephone Box Removal</u></b></p> <p>The payphones at Sedbusk, Simonstone and Burtersett have now been adopted and the Clerk has advised the parties who wished to make use of them and also forwarded a brochure provided by BT regarding routine maintenance.</p> <p>Mr Harrison has advised that the Burtersett telephone box has now been repainted and it looks very smart in the pictures that he supplied. The community have paid for this and do not require a contribution from the Parish Council.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b><u>Remembrance Day</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council will lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day service. Cllr McMullon will arrange for the large poppies to be displayed on the railings through the town.</p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b><u>Gayle Green</u></b></p> <p>Cllr. McMullon has been invited to a meeting regarding the above. The Parish Council have no</p>



	jurisdiction over the Green, however she is happy to attend as requested. The Lords of the Manor are the custodians and they have also been invited to the meeting. The Clerk will also attend to take some notes to report back to the Parish Council.
<b>21</b>	<b><u>Defibrillators</u></b>  Mike Hirst has written to advise that the pads are nearly out of date on both the defibrillators and require replacing. He has offered to order replacements which will cost £161.74 on behalf of the PC and it was resolved that he should do so.
<b>22</b>	<b><u>Agenda Items</u></b>  None at this time.
<b>20.</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting.</u></b>  The next meeting will be held in <b>Gayle Village Institute on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.</b>

Signed as a true record.

Dated.